

**A WELCOME,
A FAREWELL.**

Mr. Root Meets the Cabinet—Greeting Pleasant and Cordial.

SECRETARY ALGER SAYS GOOD-BYE.

The President and His Advisers Discuss The Alaskan Boundary Situation—Ground of the Hope for Success of Negotiations.

Washington, July 25.—The feature of the cabinet meeting today was the farewell of Secretary Alger and the presentation of his successor, Mr. Root.

His greeting was pleasant and cordial. He remained but a few minutes, leaving shortly after noon to catch the 12:45 train for New York. When he left the White House he said he would return and assume charge of the War Department August 1. Shortly after Mr. Root had left, Secretary Alger made his adieu. He shook hands with the President and each member of the cabinet. In saying farewell, there were many kindly expressions of regret and exchanges of well wishes.

The cabinet remained in session about three quarters of an hour after General Alger's departure. There was a general cleaning up of little odds and ends, preparatory to the President's departure tomorrow. The main topic discussed was the Alaska boundary dispute. Secretary Hay explained the status of the direct negotiations now in progress between himself and Mr. Trower, the British charge, and said that he was not without hope that this vexed problem would be solved by direct negotiations. Great Britain now seems willing to consider the proposal of the United States to give Canada the privilege of a port of entry into the Dominion while retaining absolute sovereignty over the Lynn canal, and it is around this sort of a proposition that the hope of a settlement now hovers. The speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper came up incidentally, but no serious attention was given them. Settlement by direct negotiation would be the easiest, as well as the most satisfactory method of disposing of this troublesome question, and such a settlement, from the facts developed at today's cabinet meeting, is regarded as by no means out of the realm of probability.

TRANSPORTS AT MANILA.

Gen. Young and Reinforcements for Otis on Board.

Manila, July 24.—The United States transport Sheridan, which sailed from San Francisco June 25, with reinforcements for General E. S. Otis, has arrived here. On July 15 a great waterpocket was discovered directly in the course of the ship, and to avoid it, it was necessary to make a detour of several miles.

General Otis has received a letter dated July 2, and signed by Charles Blandford and Fred Heppie, respectively assistant engineer and third officer of the hospital ship Relief, who were captured by Filipinos off Parang on May 30. The letter says the prisoners in the hands of the insurgents "are receiving excellent treatment, but the suspense of fearing the loss of our positions is terrible." The writers beg Otis to intercede for their release. General Otis has taken steps in that direction.

Two Augustinian Friars, who had landed from the Hong Kong ship, have been arrested here. It is said they had documents upon their persons showing they were agents of the Filipino Junta at Hong Kong, and that they intended to bear messages to Aguinaldo.

On board the transport Sheridan, the arrival of which at Manila is reported above, were Brigadier General Samuel B. M. Young and aide; Colonel Daggett, Major Quinton, Companies B and H, of the Fourteenth Infantry, 239 enlisted men and two company officers; troops A and F, Fourth Cavalry, seven officers and 173 enlisted men; Lieutenant Moses and 25 men of the Twenty-fourth Infantry; eight Hospital Corps men, and 41 members of the Signal Corps, as well as 1,248 recruits for the regiments already in the Philippines.

Washington, July 23.—Cables have been received at the War Department from General Otis announcing the arrival at Manila of the Zealandia yesterday and the Sheridan today. There were no casualties on the Zealandia, and the health of the troops was good, with the exception of a few cases of measles. The Zealandia sailed from San Francisco, June 22, with Companies C, E, G, and I, Twenty-fourth Infantry, seven officers, 406 enlisted men and recruits, making in all 590.

The War Department today made public the cablegram received yesterday from General Otis giving fuller details of the fight with the robber band on the island of Negros. It is as follows:

"Campaign against mountain robber bands Negros, more successful than reported. Byrnes with his seventy men killed one third of the four hundred and fifty assembled, including their leader, a Spaniard or Spanish Mestizo. Pursuit then made by Lieutenant Evans and detachment, Sixth Infantry, who killed three and captured one of the robbers, captured one hundred dead stock, many spears, large quantities of provisions and destroyed one hundred huts. The two casualties in Byrnes's fight are Private David S. Anderson, killed; Albert B. Jerks, slightly wounded, both Company K."

What Grinding Is For.
Zinc does not need grinding because it is not fine enough; it wants grinding to mix it with lead. It can't be properly mixed with a stick.
Devote lead and zinc is ground in oil by machinery.

Death of Major William P. Cecil.

On last Thursday night, at 7 o'clock, Major William P. Cecil died at his home on New River, in Giles county, Va. He was born on Clinch River, in Tazewell county, Va., three miles west of this place, on the 9th day of April, 1820, and was among the first students at Emory and Henry College. Soon after leaving college he studied law in the office of A. G. Pendleton, at Giles Court House, Va. He married Miss Isabel Chapman, of Giles county, and soon afterwards located at Marion, Va., where he remained a few years and then returned to Tazewell. From that time he followed the practice of law at this place, until the year 1877, when he moved with his family to California. He was a member of the celebrated convention which passed the ordinance of secession, that carried Virginia out of the Union—he and the late Judge Samuel Graham being the representatives of Tazewell, Buchanan and McDowell counties in that convention. After the war he represented Tazewell in the House of Delegates at one or more sessions.

Major Cecil was a man of extraordinary strength of intellect, and extensive information in his profession, in literature and political history. As a conversationalist he was a remarkable man, and as a speaker he was forcible and eloquent. We have heard a distinguished lawyer, a member of the Tazewell bar, say that he was the finest pleader that he ever knew. Possessed of a big heart and generous disposition, he won friends who loved him with a tenderness that is rarely found.

In the year 1880 he returned from California to Virginia, and took up his residence in Giles county, Va., at the mouth of Walker's Creek, on New River. There he lived quietly until the time of his death.

His burial took place on last Saturday at the old Chapman graveyard, near his late residence. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. C. T. Painter, four grand-children and two great-grand-children. Of five sisters, four had preceded him to the grave, and he is survived by only one, Mrs. Kate C. Peery, who lives two miles east of Tazewell. His relatives in Tazewell are very numerous, and all who knew him were his friends.

ANTI-GOEBEL MEETING.

Large Attendance at Bowling Green on Yesterday.

Bowling Green, Ky., July 24.—The anti-Goebel meeting here today was largely attended. Ex-Congressman W. O. Owens sent a letter condemning the nomination of Goebel for governor and criticizing the work of the Louisville convention generally. The meeting adopted resolutions condemning the movement inaugurated by so-called Democrats in Eastern States to abandon the principles of the Chicago platform and endorsing William J. Bryan for President and charging that the State convention in Louisville which nominated Goebel, "was perverted from its true purpose by corruption, fraud and force, by intrigue and treachery, and by infamous rulings of the acting chairman, thereby setting at naught the time-honored principle of Democracy that the will of the majority of the people shall be the governing power."

The resolutions deny that the ticket is entitled to or should receive the support of the party in this State. The convention repudiated the so-called nominee, and "in order to preserve the integrity of the party and secure the election of Democrats," requested "a provisional executive committee" of twelve to meet at Lexington in August, and meanwhile to take steps to secure a full representation at that meeting of Democrats throughout the State who are in sympathy with the movement.

A JOINT DISCUSSION.

Messrs. Jones and Green Meet in Halifax County.

Houston, Va., July 24.—[Special.]—Today was the beginning of the July term of Halifax County Court, quite a large crowd was in attendance.

The friends of Governor Tyler had advertised a grand rally to boom his canvass in the county. Hon. William A. Jones was on hand to do the speaking. The Martin men got an inkling of the move on Saturday and telegraphed for Hon. Clem Green, of Charlotte, and he came up this morning. It became very evident after the crowds began to gather that the Senator's friends predominated. Hon. L. C. Watkins, a supporter of the Senator, was made chairman of the meeting, and a joint discussion was arranged between the champions of the two candidates; Mr. Jones to open in a speech of an hour, Mr. Green to follow in a speech of an hour and a half, and Mr. Jones to reply in thirty minutes. Both gentlemen are fine speakers and honors were about evenly divided.

The Democratic Executive Committee met and decided to hold precinct mass meetings on the 17th of August to elect delegates to a county convention to be held at Houston on the 19th, to nominate candidates for the House of Delegates. Mr. R. W. Watkins has announced himself as a candidate for the House, and it is believed will be nominated by acclamation. Mr. John A. Tate is also a candidate; so is Mr. Samuel L. Adams, a Tyler man, but unless other candidates announce themselves Messrs. Watkins and Tate will have but little opposition. The Tyler friends will make an effort to instruct them for him.

Richmond, Va., July 24.—[By Associated Press.] The campaign for the United States Senate between Hon. Thomas S. Martin and Governor Tyler was practically opened today, when Hon. William A. Jones and Mr. Clem Green met at Halifax Court House in joint debate. The former represented Tyler and the latter, Martin, and in dealing with the records of the two candidates the speakers were quite personal.

If the speeches today are an earnest of what is to come, the campaign will be one of the warmest ever known in Virginia.

A Road Badly Needed.

Before the Clinch Valley railroad was built there was a great deal of talk about having a wagon road built across Clinch mountain, from Thompson Valley to Poor valley, and thence, across Brushy mountain to Chatham Hill, in Smyth county. The construction of this railroad, for a time seemed to withdraw attention from the road to Poor Valley and on to Chatham Hill. In recent years a wagon road has been built across Clinch mountain to the upper part of Poor Valley, giving to the citizens of that section of the county a continuous public wagon road to the court house. The people of Poor Valley, and those over in Smyth county, south of Brushy mountain, are now exceedingly anxious to have a wagon road built across Brushy mountain. We are informed that Smyth county is willing to build the road on the south side of the mountain, if Tazewell county will build the road on the north side. This work, if done, would give a wagon road all the way between Marion and Tazewell, a distance of about thirty miles. The expense of building about two and a half miles on this side of Brushy mountain would not be very heavy, and the benefits to Poor Valley and all the territory between there and here, would be very great. It is strange the road was not built many years ago, and there is no reason why it should not be made now.

This is a matter to which our county authorities should give their attention. Poor Valley has been neglected long enough. Its mineral and timber will make it one of the most important sections of the county, while its farming interests are constantly growing and improving.

Death of a Venerable Citizen.

On Monday morning at one o'clock Mr. E. S. Howard died at his home, three miles west of town, on Plum Creek. The deceased was born in the State of New York on the 5th of June, 1821. He came to Tazewell county in 1850, and has resided here ever since. In March, 1852 he married Miss Susan Witten the daughter of Col. J. Wilk Witten. At one time Mr. Howard was sheriff of the county, and was during all his life in Tazewell a very popular citizen. For a number of years after the Civil War he was a large buyer and shipper of cattle and other live stock. He was a man of strong intellect, liberal culture and decided convictions, such a man as would be felt in any community where he lived. For several years he had been in failing health, and for nearly six months had been helpless from paralysis. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and a kind and obliging neighbor.

On Tuesday afternoon funeral services were held at the home of the deceased, conducted by Rev. J. S. French, of the Methodist church. At the conclusion of the services the remains were taken to the family burying ground near the residence and laid to rest. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral and burial. The deceased is survived by his wife.

Major W. P. Cecil Dead.

Major William P. Cecil, long a prominent lawyer and citizen of Tazewell county, but lately a resident of Giles county, died on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at his home near Ripplemead, in the 80th year of his age. He was a marked man in his day. Major Cecil represented Tazewell county many years as attorney for the Commonwealth, was a member of the House of Delegates from Tazewell county for several terms, and was a member of the memorable Secession Convention of 1861. In the fifties, sixties and seventies the beautiful home of Major Cecil, on the Clinch river, four miles west from Tazewell (now the home of Mr. Otis E. Hopkins) was noted far and wide for its open doors and hospitable greeting, and many were the elegant dinners given in that home to the circuit judges and local and visiting bar by its hospitable occupant. In 1877 Major Cecil moved to California, where, after a sojourn of four years, he returned to his native State, settling upon a farm in Giles county, where he died.

During the Civil War, he was major of Derrick's battalion. Major Cecil leaves one daughter, Mrs. Mary C. Painter, and several grandchildren, one of whom, Cecil Painter, was with the Fourth Immunes in Cuba.—Lynchburg News.

Sanitation Demanded.

It is not from any censorious disposition that we sometimes call the attention of the town authorities to things which we think should be done for the health of the community. With this declaration, we wish to call attention to the ditch which runs on the north-east side of Tazewell Avenue, from the old Seminary building to a point below the residence of Mr. Harold Litz. This ditch is in a bad condition, being almost continually filled with stagnant water, that is bound to seriously affect the health of the people who live on that street. The situation could be easily remedied by a small amount of drainage, that could be done with short sewers conducting the water to the branch. The ditch is not only a source of great danger to the health of the immediate neighborhood, but it depreciates the value of property in that vicinity. We have known instances where persons have declined to purchase property on the street on account of that ditch. The town council ought to give the matter prompt attention.

Special Services in the Presbyterian Church of Tazewell.

We are expecting Dr. Spole Lyons to preach for us next Sabbath morning and night, and to continue the services over the first Sabbath of August. Hoping and praying for rich and abundant spiritual blessings we are holding preparatory prayer services every night at the church. All of our members are hereby earnestly called to both public and private prayer. May God's word prosper in the thing whereto he has sent it. May every perishing soul in this community being at present without Christ and under the wrath and curse of God, receive a new heart, accept the New Master and hereafter indulge a blessed hope.

W. W. RUFF, Pastor.

**S. W. VIRGINIA
LOCAL ITEMS.**

WHAT HAS RECENTLY TRANSPIRED IN THE COUNTIES OF THIS SECTION.

There are a large number of visitors at Hunter's Pulaski Alum Springs. The guests are from a number of counties in Southwest Va.

Mr. D. G. Kelly, a prominent carpenter at Clintwood, recently had the misfortune to get one of his hands badly torn while working a planer. The thumb and two fingers were torn from the hand.

Gov. J. Hooper Tyler is now at Radford, and expresses himself as being very hopeful of success in the Senatorial fight. The Governor says "that with God, righteousness and the people with him he is bound to win."

Last week two men, W. N. Dean and Fayette Odell, made their escape from Russell county jail, at Lebanon, Va. They were from Scott county, were United States prisoners, and were being held for trial in the Federal court.

On Monday night the house of John M. Price, a prosperous farmer who lives in the Loop neighborhood, in Russell county, was destroyed by fire. Nearly all of the contents of the house were burned, and Mrs. Price was seriously burned in attempting to save some household effects.

Work has begun in earnest at the Roanoke Machine Works upon the one-thousand and one-hundred pounds capacity coal cars to be built there for use on the Norfolk & Western between the coal fields and Lambert's Point. This has called for the employment of more men. There are now 1600 names on the pay rolls, which is more than have ever worked there before at any one time.

There was a very disastrous wreck on the main line of the Norfolk & Western, near Pulaski, about 3 o'clock on last Monday morning. It resulted from a head-on collision between two freight trains. The engines came together with great force. Engineer John B. Hager, who was on the engine pulling the east bound train, was caught under his engine, and his lower limbs were badly scalded. Engineer Will Davis, of the west bound train, was thrown about forty feet by the collision, but escaped any serious injury, and assisted in getting Hager from under his engine. Fireman Houston Page, of the west bound train, was dangerously, but it is hoped not fatally injured. No other persons are reported injured, but the engines were badly damaged and a number of cars demolished. The collision was caused by improper orders, or a lack of orders, it is said.

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BEAR WALLOW ITEMS.

J. W. Christian, of this place, is attending court at Grundy this week.

Thos. V. Christian and Sallie Altizer were joined together in the holy bonds of wedlock last Thursday, at Israel Nelson's, by J. G. Dula.

Married at the residence of the bride's father, near Harman, Va., last Sunday, Mr. Dock Whitaker to Miss Rutha Altizer, Elder J. G. Dula officiating.

Miss Mary Christian, of Harman, Va., has been visiting friends and relatives at this place for a few days.

Quite a number of young people from Harman attended church at Bear Wallow Saturday and Sunday.

L. B. Elswick and wife, of Ritter, W. Va., are visiting their parents near this place this week.

Levi Hickman, of Big Creek, was visiting Z. Ward, near this place Saturday and Sunday.

E. S. W. Elswick, of Bradshaw, W. Va., was out to see home folks one day last week.

Jesse Jones, who has been employed by David Christian, left yesterday for West Virginia.

David Christian went to Richlands Monday on business.

Z. G. Ward went to Harman Saturday. I suppose he went on business, too.

S. H. Laird, of Cedar Bluff, was on our ridge Monday and Tuesday.

George Elswick and son, of Pike county, Ky., are visiting relatives and friends near this place this week.

A. M. C.

July 25, 1899.

DEWEY ACCEPTS.

Will Be the Guest of the City of New York.

New York, July 24.—Mayor Van Wyck today received the following cablegram from Admiral Dewey.

Trieste, July 24.—To Mayor Van Wyck, New York:
Letters received, and invitation accepted. Expect to arrive about October first. Will cable definitely from Gibraltar. Have written.

Admiral Dewey's cablegram is in response to an invitation from the mayor asking him to be the guest of the city upon his arrival in New York, and requesting him to express any desires he may have in connection with the program for his reception.

The committee on land parade and decorations for the Dewey reception met today and decided to invite the governor of each State to send a portion or the whole of the National Guard to take part in the land parade.

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General Joseph Wheeler said Russell A. Alger was the best Secretary of War of modern days. The testimony of General Wheeler will outweigh that of all the yellow journals in the land.

"Round Robin" correspondents are very popular now with the Democratic press. Birds of evil are dangerous pets, and their croakings are not pleasant to any ear but that of the calamity hunter.

The appointment of Hon. Elihu Root as Secretary of War to succeed General Alger is considered a good one. He is a man of undoubted ability, full of energy and patriotism, but not likely to escape unfair treatment at the hands of yellow journalists.

It is said that Hon. William C. Whitney has gone to Europe to intercept and interview Admiral Dewey and solicit him to become the Democratic candidate for President in 1900. Mr. Whitney will hardly be encouraged in that work by the words of the great Admiral at Trieste, when responding to the toast, President McKinley.

The Kentucky Democrats who are opposed to Goebel will hold a convention and nominate a candidate for Governor. It is thought that ex-Governor John Young Brown will be nominated. He will also be endorsed, it is thought, by the Populist State Convention, which meets at Frankfort this week.

The Martin ringsters are preparing to capture Tazewell county. This shows what a machine can do. We venture the opinion that, as between Martin and Tyler, three-fourths of the people of the county, irrespective of party, would be for Tyler. When Martin was elected to the Senate there were not half a dozen men in Tazewell county who had ever known or heard of him.

The bloody riots that have followed the strike of the street-car men of Cleveland, Ohio, ought to reconcile all good citizens to the so-called government by injunction. Some of the Democratic press is clamoring for an end to these bloody riots through the use of the military and police. Why not stop them by the courts? The gentlest way is the best? Is it best to prevent bloodshed by bloodshed?

It is really amusing and disgusting to see how the Democratic newspapers are now speaking of Alger as the scapegoat for the Administration. These same papers have been busy for months past abusing Alger. Now that they will be deprived of that privilege, by his resignation from the Cabinet, they are hunting for some one to find fault with, and they will probably concentrate on the President. They will only place themselves in a position to be laughed at.

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